

Sermon on the Mount



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SALT & LIGHT (MATTHEW 4:23, 5:13-16)

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ICEBREAKER



*DO YOU SEE SALT AS A SEASONING OR A FLAVOR
ENHANCER??*

I. LIFE IS DIFFERENT IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD (MATT. 4:23)

- When you hear the phrase “Jesus is King,” what does that practically mean to you?
- What is the difference between believing in Jesus versus allowing Him to rule your whole life?
- What area of your life is the easiest to surrender to Jesus? What area is the most difficult?

II. STAY SALTY (MATT. 5:13)

- Jesus says, “You are the salt of the earth.” What does your christian influence currently look like? Are there things that you could improve on?
- Our lives should “cause a thirst in people for God.” What qualities in a Christian’s life can make someone else curious about Jesus?

III. SHINE BRIGHT FOR JESUS (MATT 5:14-16)

- Considering this passage, Pastor Mike referenced how flashlights are great, but they are useless if they are not turned on. Why do you think Christians often keep their faith private (hidden/off)?
- Pastor Mike mentioned, “You cannot shine the light of someone else.” What are you personally doing to cultivate your relationship with Jesus, so that your light grows brighter?

ACT ON IT



ENCOURAGE

We are not forced to, but we get to be part of the kingdom of God. Not only that, but we are the salt and light of the earth. Salt is essential in preparation & preservation. Light reveals God's path of righteousness for us and through us. We are essential to the Kingdom and we GET TO be the salt & light for those around us, that they may see our good works and desire to know Jesus for themselves.



ASK

Christ rules from heaven, but also in our hearts. Check your heart, and ask God to help you discern the right approach with each person and situation you find yourself in, with the right measure of salt.



CHALLENGE

Pastor Mike lead this sermon with Matthew 4:23, where Jesus was teaching, proclaiming & healing. This week in your home, workplace, or elsewhere, be intentional to exercise & improve one or more of these areas in your life.

PRAYER

Use these prompts to help guide your prayer:

- Praying for growth in all churches in Christ
- Wisdom to walk in a way that reveals Jesus as Savior & King
- Pray the Holy Spirit prompts us to share the gospel with one more